(c) to (e) Further action will be taken on receipt of findings of the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Bunglings in THPC unearthed by CBI

†5190. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of bunglings have been noticed in the works pertaining to Tehri Hydel Power Project;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a payment has been made in connivance with the officers for a work relating to constructions of spillway which was not done in proportion actually; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this bungling was unearthed by CBI; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and whether any action has been taken to blacklist the companies involved in bungling; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have registered two FIRs concerning allegations of irregularities in some construction work relating to Tehri project. One FIR relates to the work of excavation of Chute Spillway, executed by M/s. Jaiprakash Industries Limited. The cases are still under investigation by CBI and any further action can be taken only after their report is finalized.

Raising of funds by NTPC by equity to public

5191. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to raise funds, the National Thermal Power Corporation is going to issue fresh equity to the public;

(b) if so, the size of issue and when it is likely to open;

(c) the target of new generation capacity to be added with this new equity; and

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